



## Student success

### Drama students perform 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at The Shakespeare Schools Theatre Festival



Year 9 Drama students took to the stage as part of the world's largest youth drama festival on Wednesday 9th November.



Our budding actors and actresses worked hard alongside Mr Banks, Mr Freeman and Miss Austin over a number of months, supported by expert workshops with The School Shakespeare Foundation, to prepare for their production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at The Roses Theatre.

## School updates

### Good in all areas



Following our recent full inspection in September, we are pleased to share that Ofsted have graded us 'Good' in all areas:

- Quality of education
- Behaviour and attitudes
- Personal development
- Leadership and management
- Sixth Form

The report, highlights many positive areas, such as "leaders put the welfare of pupils, as well as academic achievement, at the heart of everything they do" and the "headteacher has very high expectations of the school". It goes on to confirm that "pupils enjoy school" and that there is a "strong sense of community for both staff and pupils".

Read more and view the full report [here](#).

## Diary dates

### Monday 21st November

Christmas shoebox appeal deadline

### Thursday 24th November

Inspire Lecture Series - your journey into Film Production

### Friday 25th November

Christmas advent calendar collection deadline

### Monday 28th November - Friday 9th December

Year 11 mock examinations

### Friday 2nd December

Year 10/12 report 1 (sent via email)

### Tuesday 13th December

Inspire Lecture Series - Samir Guglani  
Medicine Unboxed

## House points

Congratulations to Frank House who remain at the top of the leaderboard this week!

Frank



Owens



Rowling



Attenborough Hawking



Parks



## School updates continued ...

### An Inspector Calls



The English department were thrilled to host 'The Globe Players' this week, students benefitted from a performance bringing their GCSE text 'An Inspector Calls' to life.

Year 11 students eagerly watched the play, which unravels who bears the moral responsibility for a girl's death. As an inspector, interviews members of the family to uncover their stories.



Students were able to analyse the key scenes from the play, examining the willingness to, or lack of various family members to accept responsibility for the tragic death. Along with looking into the performance structure, use of language and the different character types represented.

### Author, Mark Ballabon visits



Yesterday, Year 8 students welcomed Mark Ballabon, author of the inspiring young adult novel, 'Home: My Life in the Universe' into school.

Linking with our daily Anti-Bullying Week activities, the story follows the life of 14-year-old Leah and explores issues of self-belief, bullying and conflict resolution, alongside the climate crisis.

The session gave students the chance to explore Mark's motivations for writing the book, engaging in philosophical discussions around the question, 'what does home mean to you?'

Speaking about writing, Mark said; "Younger generations have been increasingly confronted with world crises which have fundamentally undermined their confidence, belief and hope for the future." He hopes that the story of protagonist, Leah, "not only highlights these challenging social and world issues but is able to offer practical and original solutions."

### Parent/carer access to National Online Safety



As a parent/carer of a child at Cheltenham Bournside School, we are pleased to be able to offer access to online resources that will help to keep your child safe online. The hub is a one-stop-shop where you can learn about the latest apps, games and devices used by children, through online courses, video resources and weekly guides.

For instructions on how to set up an account, please visit [National Online Safety - Cheltenham Bournside School](#)

In support of Anti-Bullying Week National Online Safety has developed a free guide with expert tips on how trusted adults can help to prevent online bullying or reduce its damaging effects.

### Students feeling unwell during the school day

Please be reminded that students should seek advice from our First Aid team in the first instance if they are feeling unwell rather than phoning home.

We will contact parents when a student needs to be collected so that the absence can be duly authorised.

## Community notices

### Free English classes for beginners

Adult Education in Gloucestershire are hosting free English classes for beginners to entry-level 3 individuals.

For more information and enrolment for January courses please visit The Community Resource Centre, Grove Street, Cheltenham on Friday 9th December between 10am - 1.00pm.

For more information please contact Adult Education, via telephone: 0800 542 1655 or email: [learn@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:learn@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

### Join our team

We are currently recruiting for a cleaning assistant to join our team to find out more view the [candidate information pack here](#).

A new opportunity has arisen to join our team as a school bus driver. More information on the role can be found [here](#). If you would like to apply please email your CV to [lpk@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:lpk@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk). We will be reviewing applications on a rolling basis, so we encourage you to apply as soon as possible.

### Useful links

[Careers newsletter](#)  
[Sport fixtures](#)  
[School calendar](#)  
[What's for lunch?](#)  
[Extra-curricular timetable](#)